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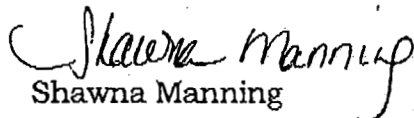
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<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Date:</b> October 23, 2006
<b>Re:</b> PFOA - Carcinogen Identification Committee	<b>CC:</b>

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• **Comments:** Susan,

I just spoke with Linda in Joan Denton's office. She asked that I fax this letter to you in hopes that you would forward on to the Carcinogen Identification Committee. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at (916) 444-3676 ext. 10 or snorta@calaborfed.org. Thanks!

Thank you,

  
Shawna Manning



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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Cookware, school uniforms, carpets, blue jeans, business clothing, outerwear, sportswear, sleeping bags, socks, boots, floss, cosmetics, nail polish, paints, luggage, oil filters, pet food, takeout pizza liners, hamburger clamshells, takeout drink cups, toilet bowl cleaner, wood floors, guitar strings, wires, luggage, spray fabric protector, gloves, umbrellas, ovens, potholders, dishtowels, paper notebooks, kitchen tools, upholstery, fabric wall coverings, dog bed, bed comforters, pillows, towels, light bulbs, hats and gloves, shower curtain, windshield glass treatment, lubricants...*

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The "Teflon-chemical," PFOA is in the blood of almost every American. It's so ubiquitous it has been discovered as close to home as in the blood of California's children and as far as the Arctic.

PFOA is not just another element floating around or another chemical in the toxic soup. It's one of the most indestructible man-made chemicals in the world. It remains in our blood for decades and accumulates with continued exposure. Studies have shown that PFOA causes cancer in animals, and, we believe, if the Carcinogen Identification Committee (CIC) reviews the scientific research on PFOA, it will conclude that the chemical should be listed as known to cause cancer under the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986 (generally known as Proposition 65).

The CIC has placed PFOA on the agenda of their November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dr. Thomas Mack, chair of the CIC, recognizes the dangers of PFOA, given the widespread human exposure, the animal evidence, and the majority of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Panel's conclusion that PFOA should be described as a "likely" carcinogen. The CIC will decide whether or not to expedite the consideration of PFOA for listing under Proposition 65.

The California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, representing more than 1,200 affiliated local unions and 2.1 million union members, is joining the United Steelworkers, Sierra Club, U.S. Public Interest Research Group, and Environment California in their call for the CIC and the state of California to be pro-active and conduct the expedited review now.



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Every day we are exposed to more and more PFOA. By listing PFOA as a chemical known to the state to cause cancer, citizens will be warned of health risks and given the opportunity to protect themselves. Since you are campaigning as a protector of our health and environment, we hope you will encourage the CIC to decide *enough is enough*. The evidence is ample to justify an expedited review of this dangerous chemical and we call on you to ask for appointees to take on this important task.

Sincerely,

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